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On the homestead wave the cornfield,
Distance loom the woodlands clear and cool.
Sometimes my thoughts revert to scenes of childhood,
Where I first received my lessons, nature's school,
"On the Banks of the Wabash, far away."



Administration



"DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES"

Mr. Wayne Lee, Mr. Doyle Espich

Office Help



"BEWITCHED, BOTHERED, AND BEWILDERED"

Mr. Lee, Ilene Falk, Betty L. Lesh



MARY MOOREHEAD, B.S.
Home Ec, Spanish
*I'm a Lonely Little Petunia in an
Onion Patch.*



B. G. WAMSLEY, B.S.
Voc. Agriculture, Science
Shake, Rattle, and Roll.



CLIVE MARKLEY
Junior High School
Young At Heart



MARJORIE NUNN, B.S.
Commerce, Gen. Math, English
Sound Off



KELL WYGANT, B.S.
Music, Band, Gov't-Soc.
Drivers Training
Music, Music, Music



LEX DORMIRE, B.S.
Coach, History, Biology
Teach Me Tonight



RUSSELL HOUSEMAN, B.S.
English, Speech, Literature
Sh-Boom



LEON JOHNSON, B.S.
Fifth and Sixth Grades
Papa Loves Mambo



WAYNE LEE, B.S., M.S.
Physics, Math, Health
Too Fat Polka



MARTHA PATCH
Fourth and Fifth Grades
Little Shoemaker



ELIZABETH HICKMAN
Third Grade
Rambling Rose



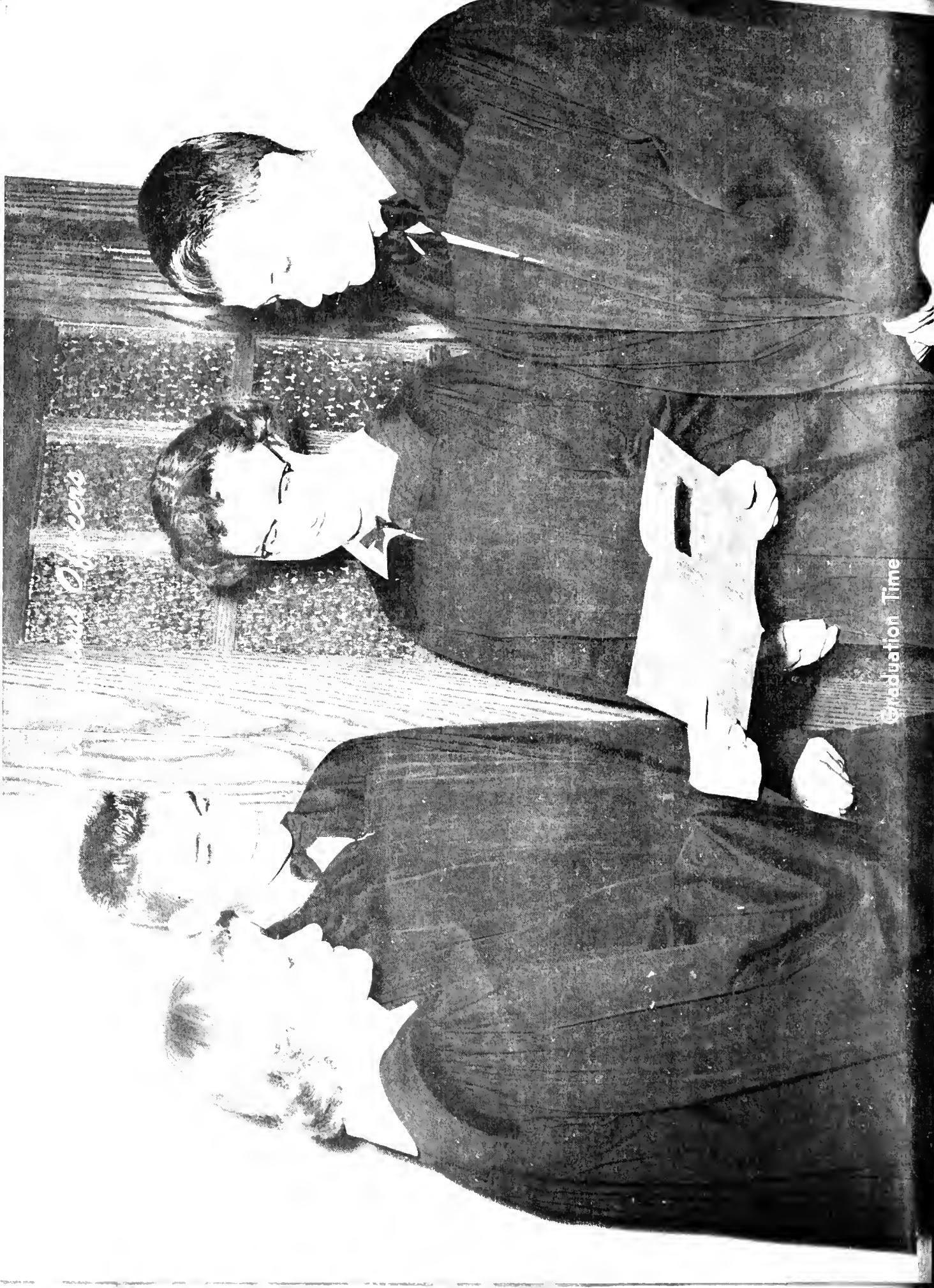
ESTHER ROE
Second Grade
Tina Marie



RUTH SELLERS, B.S.
First Grade
Aba Daba Honeymoon

UNDERSTAND JUST HOW YOU FEEL





JERRY BRINER
"Slowpoke"

Class Officer 2-3-4; Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special Music 1-2-3-4; Band 7 Years; 4-H 7 Years; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4.

CHARLOTTE CUPP
"I Wish I Wuz"

Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H B Years; Patrol 3-4; Newspaper 3-4; GAA 2-3.



ROBERT EWART
"Crazy, Man, Crazy"

Stage Hand 3-4; Chorus 1; 4-H 1 Year; FFA 4; Basketball 1-2-3.



DALE FALK
"The Thing"

Class Play 4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special Music 1-2-3; 4-H 8 Years; Annual Staff 3-4; FFA 4; Basketball 1-2-3.

ILENE FALK
"Pepper Hot Baby"

Class Officer 3-4; Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3; 4-H 7 Years; Patrol 4; GAA 2-3; Paper Staff 3-4.





WAYNE HALE
"Daddy-O"

Treasurer 2; Class Play 4; Baseball 1-2-3-4;
Basketball 1.

DON HARTLEY
"Rag Mop"

Class Play 4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H 1 Year;
FFA 4.



ANN JACKSON
"Annie Get Your Gun"

Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H 7 Years;
Librarian 3-4; Patrol 3; Annual Staff 3-4;
GAA 2.



TOM JACKSON

"Feudin', Fussin', and a Fightin'"

Class Play 4; Baseball 1-2-3; Basketball
1-2-3; FFA 4.

GEORGE KEPLINGER
"My Boy—Flat Top"

4-H 7 Years; FFA 4; Baseball 3-4; Basket-
ball 3-4; Track 3-4.

ROGER KINSEY
"Afraid of the Dark"

Class Officer 2-3-4; Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special Music 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Track 3-4.



CATHERINE LEACH
"I'm A Fool To Care"

Chorus 1-2-3-4; Newspaper Staff 2-3; GAA 1.

BETTY LOU LESH
"Mule Train"

Class Officer 3-4; Class Play 3; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H 7 Years; Patrol 3; Newspaper Staff 1; Annual Staff 3-4; GAA 2-3.



SALLY MICHAEL
"My Gal Sal"

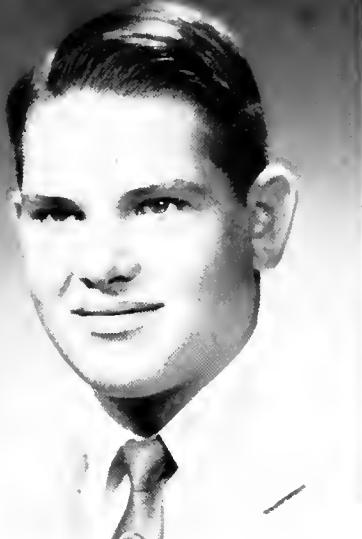
Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special Music 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; 4-H 8 Years; Paper Staff 4; GAA 2-3.



JEAN MILLER

"Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair"

Class Play 3; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H 8 Years; Librarian 4; Patrol 3; Paper Staff 3; Annual Staff 3-4; GAA 2-3.



DALLAS MOSER

"Slender, Tender, and Tall"

Class Play 4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; 4-H 3 Years;
Patrol 2; Student Manager 1-2.

NEAL RICE

"Five Foot Two"

Class Officer 1; Class Play 4; Librarian 4;
Baseball 2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3.



MARY ANN RILEY

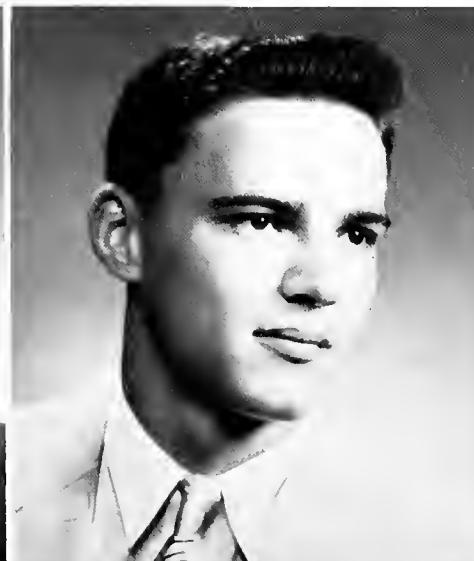
"Oh, Woman"

Class Play 4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special
Music 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Librarian 4;
GAA 2.

KAY ROBERTS

"Ricochet Romance"

Class Officer 1-2-3-4; Class Play 3-4; Chorus
1-2-4; 4-H 7 Years; Paper Staff 2-3-4;
Baseball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4.



BOB ROE

"I'm in the Mood for Love"

Class Play 3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special
Music 2-3-4; 4-H 7 Years; Baseball 1.

LARRY WARNER

"Gals Don't Mean a Thing"

Class Play 4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Special Music
1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4.

"Rocka Bye Babies"



Mary Anne Ilene George Jean Tom Kate



Dallas

Ann

Don

Larry

Bob. E.



Neal

Charlotte

Sally

Bob R.

Betty



Dale

Wayne Denzil

Roger

Kay

Jerry



Junior Black Caucus

Eleventh

Philip Anderson
Gerry Bender
Janet Cash
Carolyn Crosbie



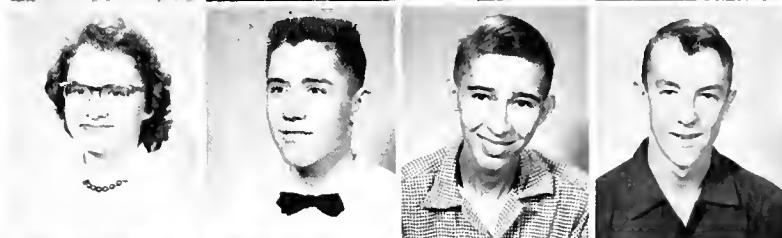
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Charles Ewart
Rosanna Fuhrer
Neal Geisman



Janet Gilbert
John Gingerick
Virgil Leach
Donald Mason



Emilie Mason
Arlin McAfee
Kenneth McAfee
Michael Moorefield



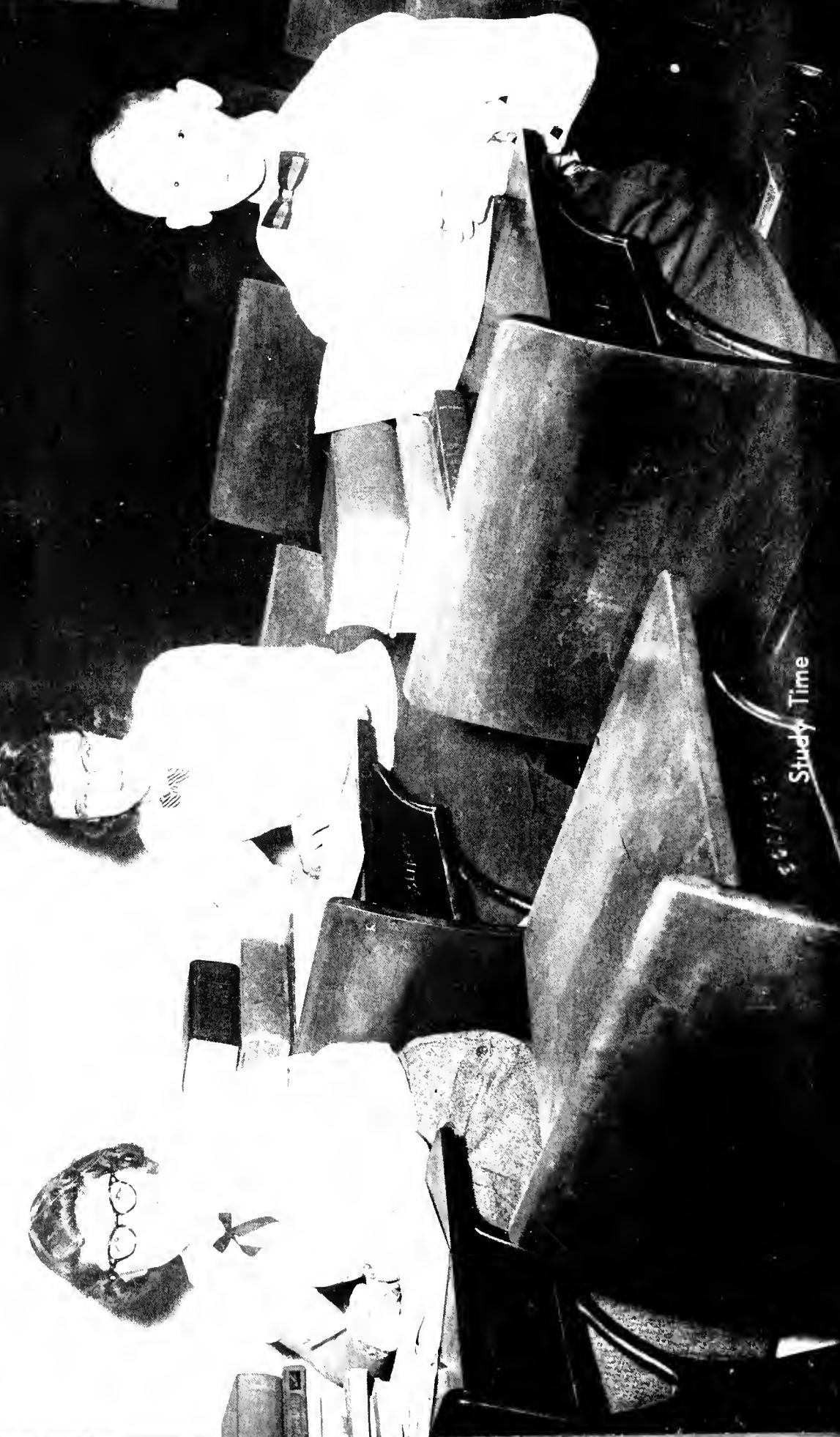
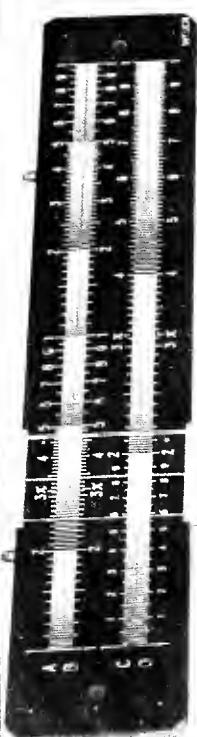
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Robert Sickafus
Jay Stauffer
Harold Upton



Phyllis Walmsley
Janet Weikel
Norman Wibel
Judy Wygant



Sophomore Class Officers



Study Time

Sophomores

Judy Edris
Donna Edris



Marvin Haiflich
Theressa Haiflich
Mary Highlen
Jim Houtz



Barbara Jackson
Nancy Johnson
Shirley Leach
Beatrice Moorefield

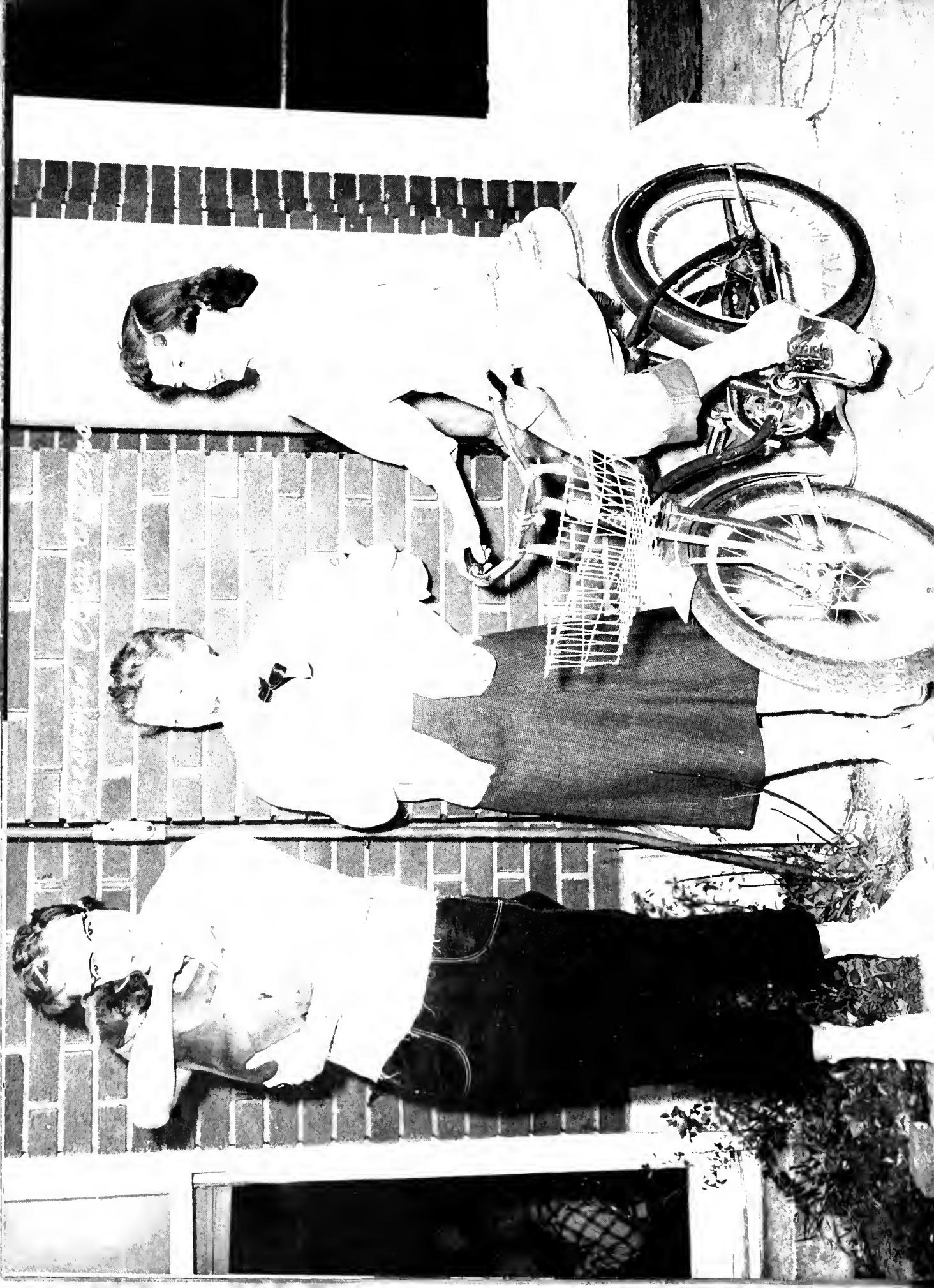


DeWayne Moser
Don Park
Walter Roberts
Louis Souerwine



Max Schmidt
Jerry Shively
Betty Walmsley
Clara Woodward





Freshmen

Larry Bayless
Rita Braden
Dixie Brickley
Judy Brickley



Lonnetta Burger
Reba Cash
Benny Crum
Linda Crum



Joyce Decker
Janet Dolby
Sharon Elzey
Bonnie Ewart



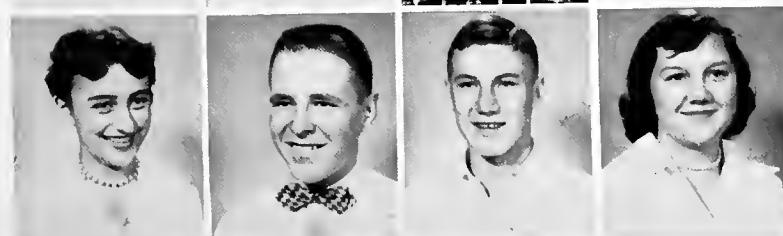
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Jim Grover
Ronald Hambley
Neil Kinsey



Lynn Koons
Anita Larmore
Suzanne Miller
Dale Platt



Jay Rice
Charles Shively
Marcia Shriner



Joyce Roberts
Roger Stahl
Ray Woodward
Sharon Wright

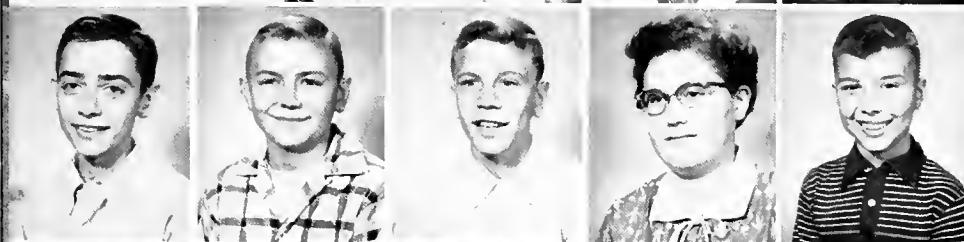
Eighth



Karen Anderson
Kay Anderson
Nancy Batzka
John Freds



Karen Bender
Janet Brickley
Karen Crosbie
Nancy Eckelbarger
Mike Geisman



Larry Edris
Jeffie Espich
Glen Fahrnow
Kaaren Fairchild
Roger Haiflich



Frederick Hambly
Beatrice Hatfield
David Highlen
Gerry Hill
Susan Hogg



Jerry Mason
Jerry McAfee
Betty Moorefield
Howard Moorow
Jim Shields



Joe Sickafus
John Sieburns
James Strouse
Karol Way
Richard Welches

Seventh

Betty Cash
Mary Decker



Karen Fuhrer
Bonnie Gilbert
Marsha Green



Jerry Grover
Rosalyn McAfee
Diane Moser



Jerry Penrod
Gerry Reff
Bobby Rodich



Ronald Upton
Larry Wilburn
Russel Wilkin



Vicki Williamson
Dottie Lee Faust
Claudia Larmore



Sixth

Carol Batzka
Clarence Brickley
Pamela Crum
Theodore Crum



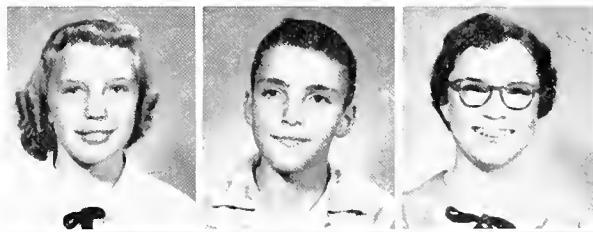
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Joyce Eckelbarger
Gerald Edris
Susan Espich



Bonnie Green
Janet Hill
Dennis Houtz
Roger Johnson



Margaret Koontz
Billy Kumfer
Judy Langel



Jackie Moorefield
Linda Overholt
Carolyn Park



Sheryl Pressler
Lorraine Schug
Donald Woodward



Fifth



Kay Abner



Noel Anderson
David Baller
James Beck
Donna Blessing



Diane Cupp
Alvin Edris
Deborah Fairchild
Kim Griffin



Mary Lou Grover
Cynthia Hoffacker
Gerry Houtz
Karen Kay Johnson



Maria C. Larmore
Elurn Ray McAfee
Michael Black
Roger Pasley

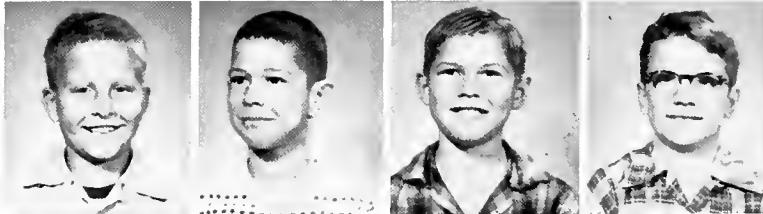


Jean Schmidt
Carol Lynn Shriner
Dale Stahl
Julia Swank



Lou Ann Way
Sandra Wilkin
Claudia Wolf
Kenneth Wright

Fourth



Sammy Bowman
Johnny Braden
Jerry Brickley
Steven Custer



Stephan Davison
Max Edris
Rebecca Elzey
Anita Espich



Bill Falk
Steven Geisman
Danny Hambly
Martha Highlen

Gwen Hill
Lane Inman
Wallice LaFavers



Jer
Bon
Reb
Gar

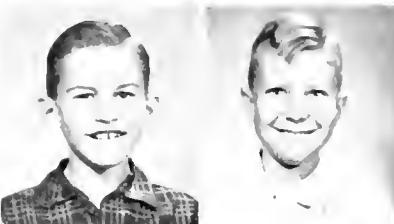


Tommy Sickafus
Janice Smuts
Teddy Waters
Judy Ann Wood



Third

George Brickley
Howard Cash



Myrl Decker
Marcia Espich
Linda Falk
Lynda Fry
Gerry Grogg



Randy Grandlienard
Janis Harrold
Linus Harrold
Richard Hickman
Diane Hoag



Sheila Hoffacker
Patricia Hunnicut
Marcelline James
Carol Koontz
Larry LaFevers



Rochelle Lenwell
David Lesh
Karen McAfee
Delores Mosure
Dennis Overholt



Patricia Rhodes
Larry Riley
Sandra Rodich
Monty Shalley
L. Wayne Shriner



Ann Young
Phyllis Welches
Cheryl Wilkin
Bruce Woodward
Dean Wygant



Second



Sharlon Abner
Leslie Beck
Regina Bender



Dorothy Brickley
Diana Brown
Rita Crum
Janet Custer



Dennis Day
Diane Eichhorn
Robert Fairchild
Patricia Gensic



Marty Gilbert
Randy Harnish
Elaine Harshman
Marvin Highlen



Larry Gene Houseman
Candice Inskeep
Gary Johnson
Judy Kern



J. M. Larmore
Mary Lesh
Penny Miller
Richard Redding



Ruth Roller
Jeannie Sparks
Max Sparks
Linda Stahl



Virgie Waters
Jan Wilkin
Nancy Wolf
David Jump

First

Judith Archbold
Michael Borton
Joe Carnes



Roger Cash
Thomas Coffield
Timothy Crum
Rebecca Davison
Melsenia Edris



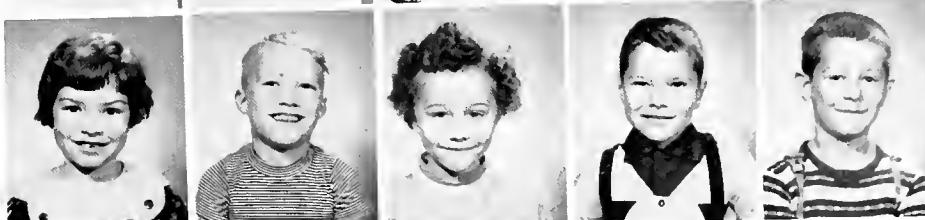
Linda Emley
Cynthia Fry
Michael Gensic
Ronnie Gilbert
Teresa Gilbert



Anne Graham
Bonnie Lou Grogg
Mona Jean Grogg
Diana Highlen
Guy Hoag



Larry Hoag
Corine Hoffacker
Paul Johnson
Robert Johnson



Jo Ann McAfee
Larry McAfee
Sharon McAfee
Steven Moser
Gerry Powell



Kent Raber
Jack Roller
Linda Sparks
Larry Wilkin
Michael Wolf

GREEN YEARS

Words and Music by
ED and ARTHUR ALTMAN



ACTIVITIES



"The Night Crawlers"

Cinny Lou	SALLY MICHAEL
Zeke Skitter	ROGER KINSEY
Clint Roberts	KAY ROBERTS
Jackie Burton	ANN JACKSON
Kitty Wood	BETTY LESH
George Allen	BOB ROE
Mrs. Yates	CHARLOTTE CUPP
Marion Yates	JEAN MILLER
Carol Lewis	ILENE FALK
Dick Karl	JERRY BRINER



"Oh, Man!"

Mayor Harry Bentham	JERRY BRINER
Madge Bentham	SALLY MICHAEL
Letitia Bentham	ILENE FALK
Lancing Bentham	KAY ROBERTS
Aunt Penny Bentham	ANN JACKSON
Audrey Dilley	MARY ANN RILEY
Bert Dilley	DALLAS MOSER
Regie Case	LARRY WARNER
Andrew Bales	ROGER KINSEY
John Samuels	BOB ROE
Officer O'Hara	DON HARTLEY
Elsie	CHARLOTTE CUPP
Bennister	DALE FALK
Clark	WAYNE HALE
Sam	NEAL RICE
Eddie	TOM JACKSON

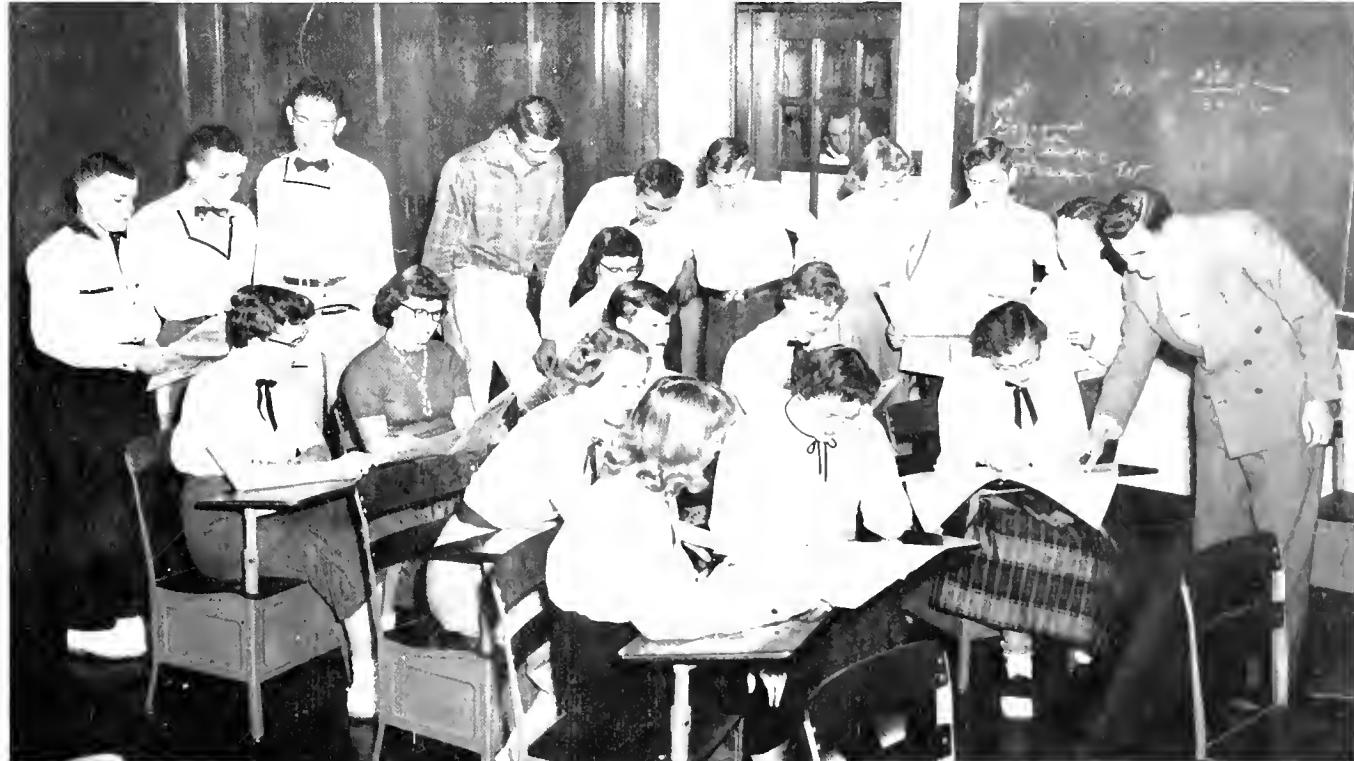
Annual Staff



"SLEEPLESS"

Ann Jackson, Betty L. Lesh, Jean Miller, Dale Falk, Janet Weikel
Wayne Lee, Rosanna Fuhrer, Harold Upton

Newspaper Staff



"TRYING"

"Short'nin' Bread"

Cooks



Bus Drivers

"The Man Behind the Throttle"



Left to right: Arnold Yager, Glen Houtz, Charles Dormire, Darwin McAfee, Jesse Carger, Andy Stevens.

"Short'nin' Bread"

Janitor

"I Waited a Little Too Long"



RAY LESH

Student Council



"THERE'S A DOUBT IN MY MIND"

Roger Kinsey, Bob Sickafus, Betty Walmsley, Jeffie Espich,
Wayne Lee, Neil Kinsey

Safety Patrol



"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

Back row: Marvin Haiflich, Nancy Johnson, Jayne Decker, Charlotte Cupp, Betty Walmsley, Ilene Falk, Shirley Leach, Louis Souerwine. Front row: Jerry Shivley, Walter Roberts, Mike Moorefield, Virgil Leach.



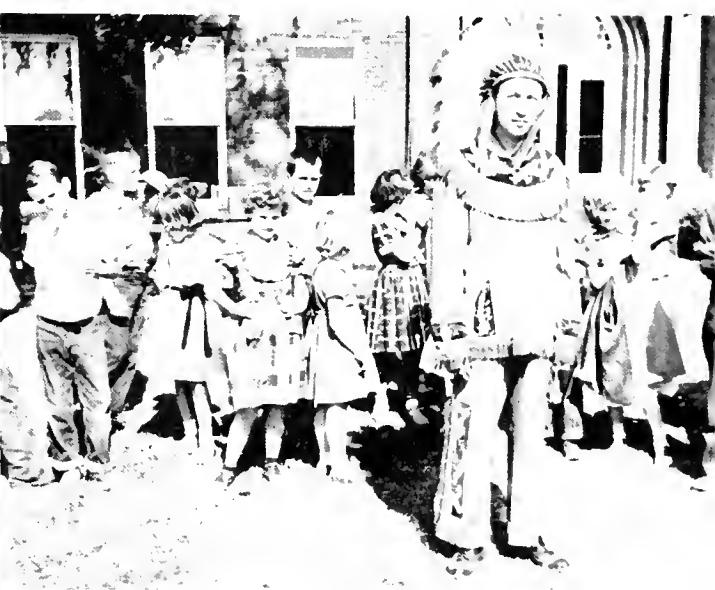
"Junior Town Meeting"



"Librarians"



"Thanksgiving Time"



"Assembly Program"



"Christmas Time"



"Lunch Time"

4-H



Indiana Woods
4-H Exhibit



Common Indiana Leaves
4-H Exhibit



4-H Leaders and Officers



A 4-H Clothing Exhibitor



4-H Banquet

TRIKE UP THE BAN

Lyric by

IRA GERSHWIN

Music by

GEORGE GERSHW





Girls' Chorus



"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

Boys' Chorus



"Sixteen Tons"

Boys' Double Quartet



"Just One of Those Things"

Triple Trio



"You Could Make Me Smile Again"



TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALL GAME

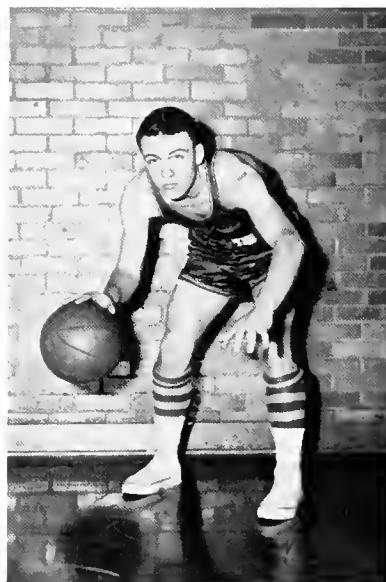


Basketball



KAY ROBERTS

Kay's floor play and speed proved him to be a valuable member of the Dodger team. Kay will really be missed next season.



JERRY BRINER

Jerry's passing and hustle will make his presence missed when the cage season rolls around next year.



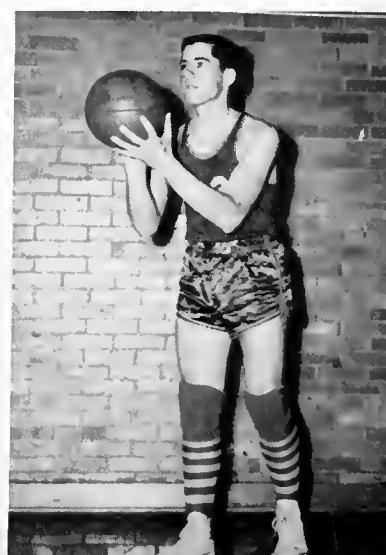
MAX SCHMIDT

Max's ball handling coupled with his speed make him a great aid to the Dodger cagers.

Rockcreek	39
Rockcreek	50
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County	
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Rockcreek	45
Rockcreek	50
Rockcreek	61
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Rockcreek	66

ARLIN McAFFEE

Arlin's height and his consistency will prove him a valuable rebounder for the Dodgers next year.

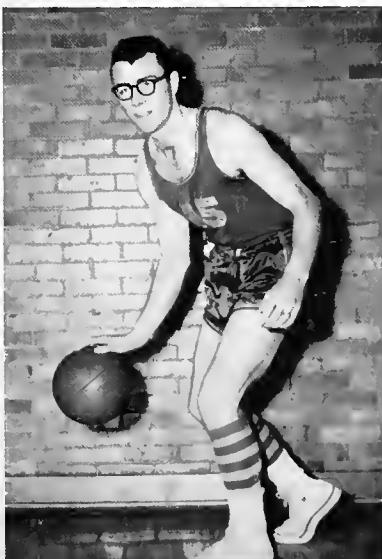


Results

Liberty Center	40
West Lancaster	27
Hartford Twp.	52
East Lancaster	57
Jackson Center	45
Decatur Catholic	53
Monmouth	58
Union	69
West Rockcreek	41
Chester	48
Petroleum	59
Tourney	
Lancaster	33
Petroleum	39
Liberty	67
Pennville	62
Union	59
Lafayette	62
Ossian	52
Lancaster	67
Lafayette	70

ROGER KINSEY

Roger's fighting spirit and accurate eye had made him an important member of the Dodgers. Roger's shoes will be hard to fill next year.



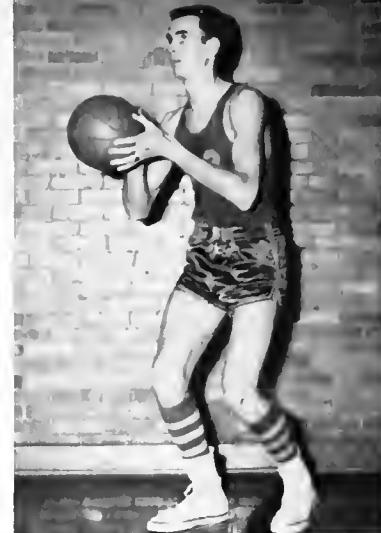
GEORGE KEPLINGER

George's fighting spirit and ball handling this year has made him valuable to the Dodgers. George's position will be hard to fill next year.



JAY STAUFFER

Jay's height made him a valuable rebounder for the Rockcreek Blue and Gold. He can always be counted on the help with the score.



PHILLIP ANDERSON

Phillip's shots were hard to stop and as a result he figured heavily in the Dodgers' scoring column.



Varsity



"THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY"

Mr. Dormire, Jerry Briner, Arlin McAfee, Kay Roberts, Jay Stauffer, Roger Kinsey, Phillip Anderson, George Keplinger, and Max Schmidt.

Second Team



"MAKE BELIEVE"

Front row: Roger Reff, Jay Rice, Charles Shivley, Jim Houtz, and Larry Bayless.
Standing: Louis Sauerwine, Neil Kinsey, Walter Roberts, Norman Wibel, John Gingerick, Dale Platt, and Mr. Dormire.

Yell Leaders



"UNDECIDED"

Phyllis Walmsley, Betty Walmsley, Janet Gilbert

Student Managers



"JEST A BUMMIN' ALONG"

Louis Souerwine, Bob Sickafus

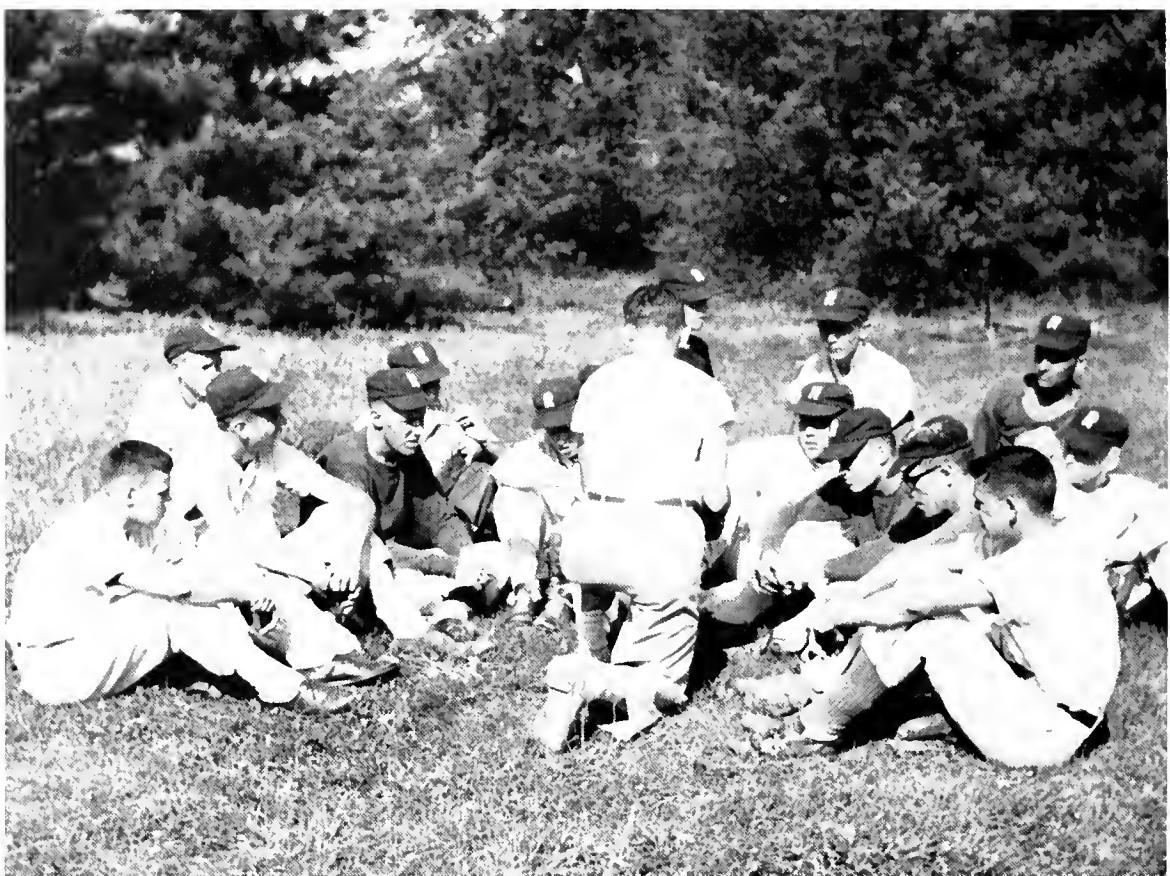


Yea! ! Rah! !
Rockcreek



Baseball

"Casey at the Bat"



Rockcreek	-----	0
Ossian	-----	12
Rockcreek Union	-----	1
		8



Rockcreek	-----	3
Lancaster	-----	8
Rockcreek Liberty	-----	0
		2



Rockcreek	-----	4
Petroleum	-----	2
Rockcreek	-----	6
Chester	-----	1
Rockcreek	-----	8
Jackson	-----	6



Junior High Basketball



"HAPPY GO LUCKY"

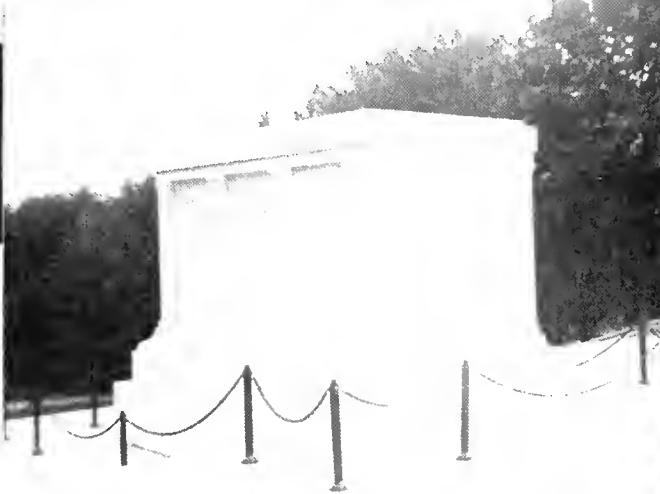
Front row: Mike Geisman, Gerry Hill, Jim Strouse, Larry Edris, John Freds, and Jerry McAfee. Back row: Roger Haiflich, Russell Wilkin, Glen Fahrnow, Mr. Markley, Joe Sickafus, Jeffie Espich, and Jim Shields.

Junior High Yell Leaders



"ROCK AND ROLL WALTZ"

Susan Hogg, Karen Bender, and Dottie Lee Faust



JENITA

TRIP

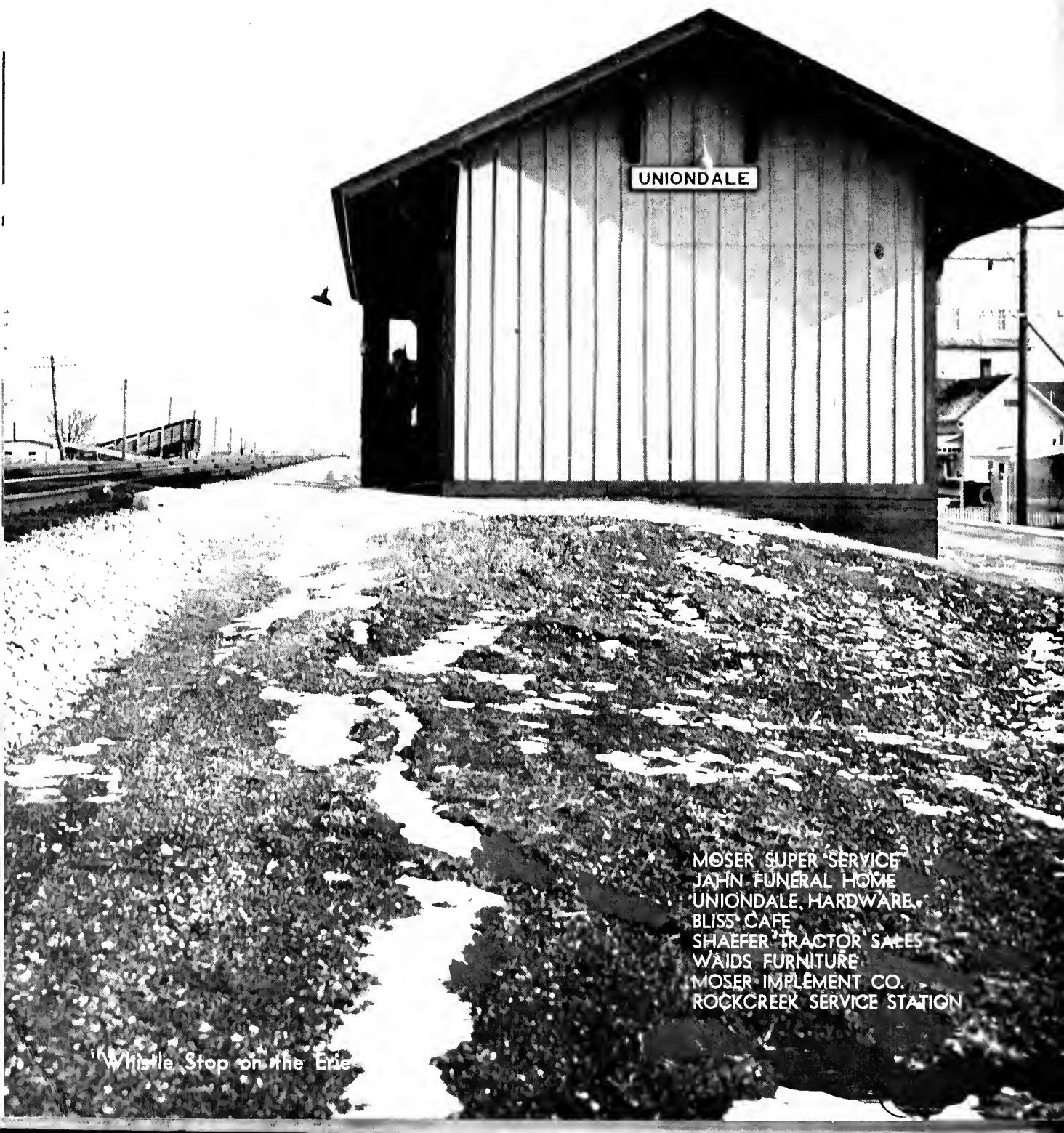
ONEY BURNS A HOLE IN MY POCH

WORDS BY BOB MILLARD

MUSIC BY JULE STYNE



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UNIONDALE

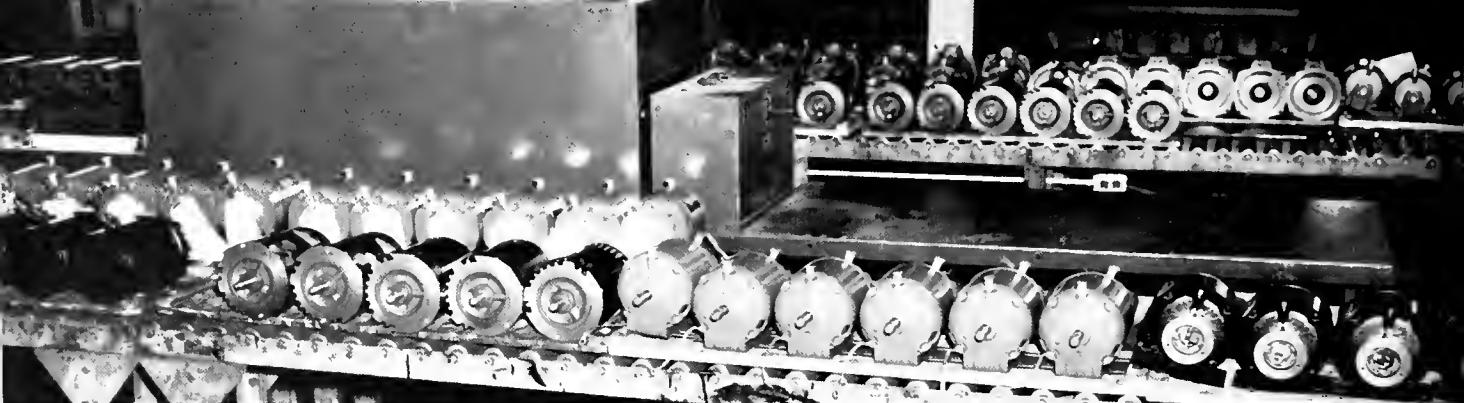
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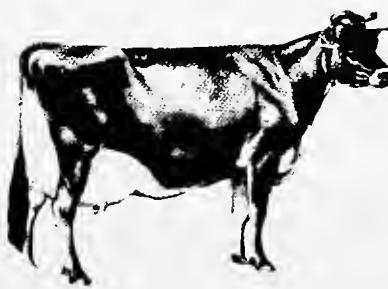
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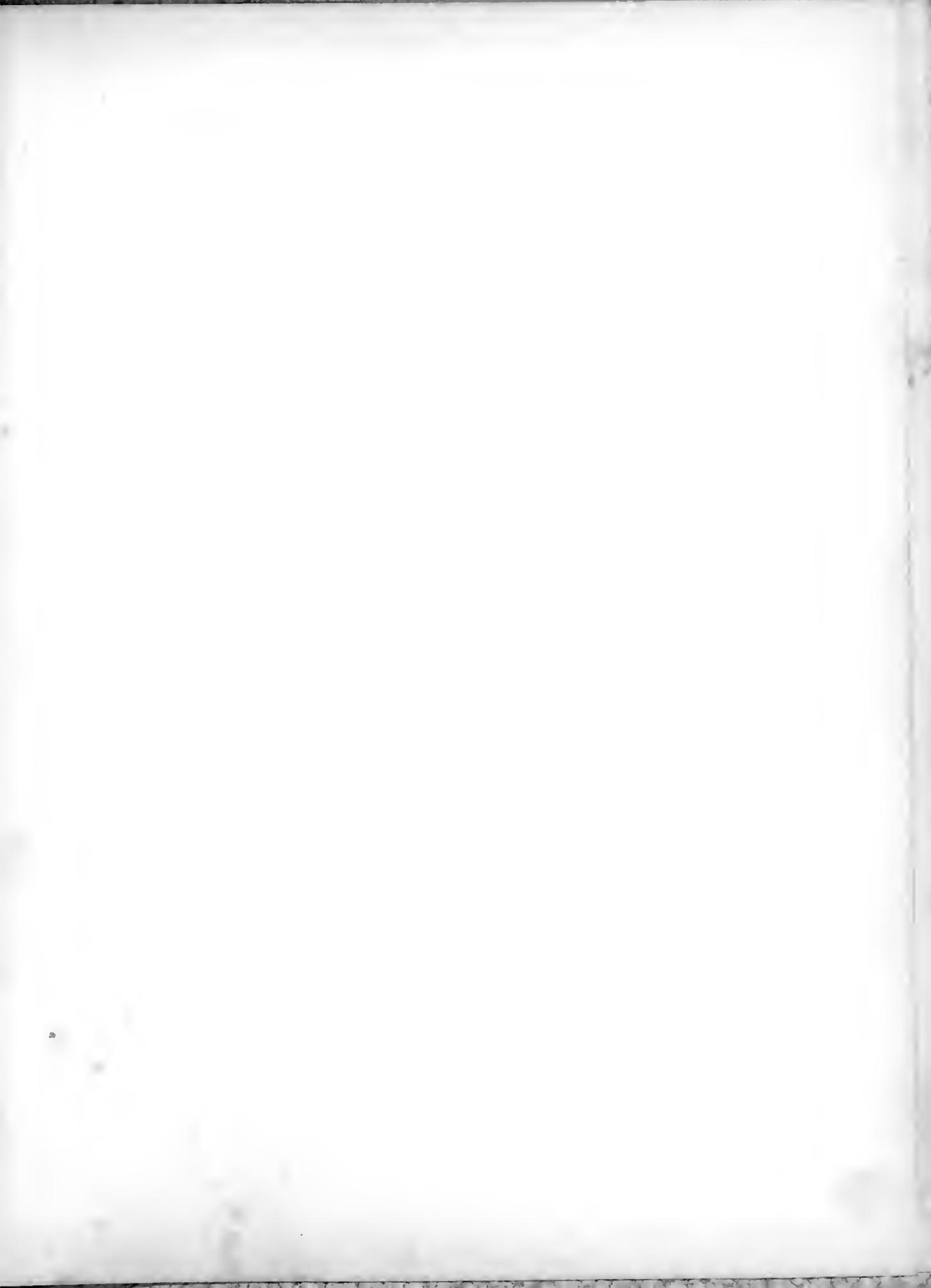
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